

**NEPA Forecast Report
March 22, 2017**

APPROACHING DEADLINES (NEXT 2 WEEKS)

Nothing to report

MONITORING (Projects Either Meet or Potentially Meet Elevation Criteria)

1. Potential and Prior Adverse Ratings on Draft EISs:

Unrelated/Unresponsive

R9/Forest Service (USFS)/Record of Decision/ Rosemont Mine/Potential Referral of Adverse Rating:

- **Background:** The EIS evaluates a proposed new, 4,800 acre open-pit copper and molybdenum mine to be constructed mostly on USFS National Forest Land southwest of Tucson.
- **EPA Involvement:** EPA rated the Draft EIS as "EU-3" (Environmentally Unsatisfactory – Inadequate Information) due to concerns regarding degradation of aquatic habitat, significant air quality impacts, and impacts to tribal and cultural resources, biological resources, and human health. Upon review of the Final EIS, EPA determined that the issues underlying its "EU" rating had not been resolved, and notified

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

- **Status:** In December 2016, the Corps sent a letter to the applicant to signal the Corps intent to not authorize a 404 permit for the current proposal. The key factors identified by the District that support a permit denial are determinations that the proposed Rosemont Mine will cause or contribute to violations of state water quality standards, significant degradation of waters of the US, and that the proposed minimization and mitigation measures were inadequate. In addition, the Corps concluded that implementation of the proposed project would be contrary to the public interest due to concerns there are adverse effects to cultural and tribal resources.

Unrelated/Unresponsive

2. FEIS Letters that Characterize Residual Serious Concerns:

Nothing to Report

3. Potential Regional Controversy, Significant Media Attention, or Congressional/State Concerns:

Unrelated/Unresponsive

4. Policy or Precedent Setting Comments:

Nothing to Report